

**Duke, Daphne**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 5:04 PM  
**To:** SVanEppsMD@aol.com  
**Cc:** Duke, Daphne  
**Subject:** RE: PSC Comments:

Dear Ms. VanEpps:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2009-489-E and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

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**From:** SVanEppsMD@aol.com [mailto:SVanEppsMD@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:55 AM  
**To:** Contact  
**Cc:** SVanEppsMD@aol.com  
**Subject:** PSC Comments:

I am opposed to Docket No. 2009-489-E for the following reasons:

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

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